

THIRD AVE. MEN VOTE TO-NIGHT ON BIG STRIKE

**Fitzgerald, Leader, Sure Al
of Whitridge's Men
Will Go Out.**

WORKING IN SECRET

**GUNMEN EMPLOYED
AS STRIKE BREAKERS**

Half Service on Some Lines but Company Gets Few Fares.

A strike among the 2,200 conductors and motormen of the Third Avenue Street Railway seemed imminent last night. To get those men out was the next move of William B. Fitzgerald, the labor leader who already has succeeded in getting out the car men

The Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and The Bronx street railways, all subsidiaries of the Third Avenue system.

Fitzgerald was confident last night he would have the men out by Monday and expects a decision on the question at a mass meeting of Third Avenue employees which he has called for Thursday night at the Lyceum at Eighty-sixth street and Third Avenue.

If Fitzgerald, who has used most efficient methods than any strike organizer seen in these parts in a long time, succeeds in his move he will have tied up completely the system of which Frederick W. Whitridge is the head. He undoubtedly will impose a great expense on the Third Avenue, which already is paying \$20,000 a day for lost business.

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Mr. Fitzgerald said that his mind was centered on the propaganda work, and that he was paying little heed to other trade union activities in the city. He was learned, however, that the B. R. T. the elevated railroad, was organizing a strike and was preaching. So thorough and so detailed is the campaign of Fitzgerald that the propaganda work is going on under cover of momentum.

There is a noticeable lack of strikes in the Bronx yesterday. They were rare in the city, however. Fitzgerald caused his associates to organize the strikers in the

nam Commun of the American Federation of Labor, and other strike leaders were at Fitzgerald's elbow. They sifted reports of the workers and aided working out plans evolved by Fitzgerald.

Claims Support of All.

"The spirit of every street railway man in the city is with us," said Fitzgerald last night. He spoke in a voice full of assurance. While Fitzgerald was en-

"And if Mr. Whitridge," added one of the leaders, "had remained in this city instead of sailing for Europe, we would have been able to settle the strike before it reached such dimensions. As the situation stands now there is no chance of this. This is our last day to make a move to negotiate with him. If we fail, we will have to go out on strike first having received word from Mr. Whitridge. However, we are in full agreement and we expect to stay in it until we win."

There was no question about the tide of the strike spreading among the workers in the city. It was not only in Westchester, where not a car wheel has turned since last Saturday night and in the Bronx, where East Side garages and repair shops are closed, but on the surface cars, but lines of Manhattan. The police, whose numbers of men were reduced in many hidden chambers, were unable to control the situation. A threatened strike in Manhattan and all of the trouble in the Bronx between the strikers and the strikebreakers.

The situation in the city was so acute that Police Commissioner Woods held a night—and he was acting on information furnished him by the police in the Bronx. He and his aids—that is, he issued an order requiring every police

The Commissioner also sent motorcycle and mounted patrolmen to the Bronx to patrol the thoroughfares on which the trolley cars were being run. He detailed additional detectives to additional uniformed men to the Bronx where they would be ready should there be any more attacks or surface disturbances by strikers, sympathizers or men with whom the strikers say they have a connection. While uniformed men